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SUBJECT: NOTE TO SOVIET EMBASSY ABOUT PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

REF: STATE 0764

1. JANUARY 7 DEPARTMENT PRESENTED SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR  
FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS DIPLOMATIC NOTE STATING DEPARTMENT'S  
REQUIREMENT THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT OBTAIN DEPARTMENT'S  
APPROVAL BEFORE ACQUIRING, OR TAKING INITIAL STEPS TOWARD  
ACQUIRING, PROPERTY IN US. NOTE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO  
5445 FIELDSTON ROAD PROPERTY (REFTEL).

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2. FULL TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

3. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA WISHES TO CALL THE FOLLOWING MATTERS TO THE ATTEN-  
TION OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS.

4. QUOTE IN RECENT WEEKS THE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME ATTACHE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY SIGNED A LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE WITHOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS OBLIGATED TO CALL THE MATTER TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION AND REFUSE PERMISSION FOR THE LEASE. THE DEPARTMENT

ALSO UNDERSTANDS THAT THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OPENED NEGOTIATIONS TO ACQUIRE THE VALERIA ESTATE IN CORTLAND, NEW YORK, AND SIGNED CONTRACTS TO PURCHASE A BUILDING AND LOT AT 5445 FIELDSTON ROAD, RIVERDALE, NEW YORK. IN NEITHER CASE DID THE SOVIET EMBASSY OR THE SOVIET MISSION SEEK THE REQUIRED APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

5. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO REMIND THE EMBASSY THAT ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY AND ESTABLISHED PRACTICE ALL SOVIET DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS, AND ALL SOVIET GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, MUST CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OBTAIN THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL BEFORE PURCHASING PROPERTY, LEASING OFFICE SPACE OR UNDERTAKING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES; AND BEFORE SIGNING ANY CONTRACTS, OPTIONS OR COMMITMENTS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY, LEASE OFFICE SPACE, OR UNDERTAKE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

6. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT THE EMBASSY INFORM THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE ABOVE.

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